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SUBJECT: "JEUNE AFRIQUE" ARTICLE ON UPPER VOLTA

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1. I FIND ARTICLE IN THE SEPT 21 EDITION OF "JEUNE AFRIQUE" ENTITLED "SOUS LA MENACE DES CIVILS" TO BE AN EXCELLENT ANALYSIS OF THE PRESENT POLITICALSITUATION IN UPPER VOLTA AND OF THE DILEMMA PRESENTLY FACING PRESIDENT LAMIZANA'S REGIME.

2. ARTICLE IS MIDLY CRITICAL OF ACTIVITIES OF MILITARY REGIME SINCE 1966 BUT ON THE WHOLE PRESENTS FACTS AND EVENTS IN OBJECTIVE MANNER, INCLUDING RECENT IRREGULARITIES IN GRAIN DISTRIBUTION INVOLVING MILITARY MEMBERS OF SAHEL SUB-COMMITTEE. FOR FUTURE, ARTICLE PREDICTS THAT LAMIZANA WILL EVENTUALLY ESTABLISH A SINGLE PARTY SYSTEM UNDER MILITARY PATRONAGE BUT THAT
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HE IS STILL UNDECIDED WITH REGARD TO TIMING OF SUCH

A MOVE AND COMPOSITION OF SINGLE PARTY. THE MOVEMENT DE LIBERATION NATIONALE (MLN) OF PROFESSOR JOSEPH KI-ZERBO IS MENTIONED AS ONE POLITICAL GROUPING LIKELY TO WELCOME ESTABLISHMENT OF SINGLE PARTY.

3. IN MY RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH PRESIDENT LAMIZANA, I HAVE DETECTED THE DILEMMA AND HESITATIONS MENTIONED IN "JEUNE AFRIQUE" ARTICLE. REFERRING TO POPULAR DEMONSTRATIONS ORGANIZED IN HIS HONOR IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY IN JULY AND AGUSUT, LAMIZANA SAID HE HAD ASKED THAT FURTHER DEMONSTRATIONS BE POSTPONED NOT ONLY UNTIL AFTER RAMADAN, BUT EVEN UNTIL THE END OF THE HARVEST SEASON. THIS MEANS THAT THERE IS LIKELY TO BE LITTLE OVERT POLITICAL ACTIVITY OR DECISION RE SINGLE PARTY UNTIL AT LEAST NOVEMBER.

4. THERE IS MUCH SPECULATION IN OUAGADOUGOU REGARDING THE AUTHOR OF THE "JEUNE AFRIQUE" ARTICLE. JEUNE AFRIQUE CLAIMS THAT IT WAS WRITTEN BY ITS "SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT," SALEH KEBZABO, WHICH IS OBVIOUSLY A PEN NAME. SOME OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT IT WAS WRITTEN BY JOSEPH KI-ZERBO. A LEFTIST INTELLECTUAL AND POLITICIAN, KI-ZERBO IS FROM THE SAME TRIBE (SAMO) AND REGION AS LAMIZANA. WE HAVE RELIABLE INFORMATION THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS SELECTED KI-ZERBO TO BE UPPER VOLTA'S CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNESCO, A DECISION WHICH IS INTERPRETED AS A PUBLIC EXPRESSION OF CONFIDENCE IN KI-ZERBO BY LAMIZANA.

5. IF KI-ZERBO DID WRITE THE ARTICLE, IT COULD BE INTERPRETED AS A SORT OF PROD TO BRING LAMIZANA TO ACT QUICKLY ON FORMATION OF SINGLE PARTY. AS SEIZURE OF ARTICLE WOULD INDICATE, LAMIZANA IS NOT YET READY TO ACT BUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE MILITARY REGIME AND THE MLN WILL COOPERATE LATER IN THE FORMATION OF A SINGLE PARTY SHOULD NOT BE DISCOUNTED.

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